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SUBJ: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE MEETINGS OCT. 16 AND 17

1. AMB STEVENSON AND MR. MOORE MET WITH REPS OF UK (JACKLING), JAPAN (OGISO) AND FRANCE (JEANNEL) OCT. 16. SOVIET REP WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. GROUP DISCUSSED PROCEDURAL ISSUES AND DRAFT CONFERENCE RES.

2. UK AND FRANCE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR SINGLE CONFERENCE SESSION IN 1974 INSTEAD OF TWO. OGISO INDICATED HE COULD AGREE TO EITHER ARRANGEMENT.

3. JEANNEL STRONGLY URGED THAT INVITATION QUESTION BE SETTLED IN FIRST COMITE AND THAT ISSUE NOT BE PASSED ON TO GA FOR DECISION.

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4. JACKLING AND JEANNEL STRESSED THAT IN THEIR VIEW ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM IN PROCEDURAL AREA IS VOTING QUESTION. JACKLING AND JEANNEL STATED THEY WANT QUESTION SETTLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THIS NOT BE LEFT TO ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DECIDE. THEY SUPPORT UNGA FORMULA FOR COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMITE AND CONTROL OVER VOTING BY GENERAL COMITE. IN ABSENCE OF SOVIETS, NO DECISION WAS MADE ON CONCERTED APPROACH ON VOTING ISSUE.

5. GROUP MET AGAIN ON MORNING OF OCT. 17 WITH USSR (KOLESNIK) PRESENT. KOLESNIK STATED THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER USSR WILL ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE IS STILL OPEN. WHEN PRESSED, HE STATED DECISION HINGES ON VOTING ISSUE. USSR, HE SAID, WOULD PROBABLY PARTICIPATE IF VOTING ISSUE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY WHICH, HE INDICATED, MEANS THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSENSUS AGREEMENT IN GENERAL COMITE BEFORE THERE COULD BE ANY CONFERENCE VOTING. HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT INTERPRET CONSENSUS TO MEAN UNANIMITY. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITHIN GROUP THAT CONFERENCE RES SHOULD NOT BE VOTED ON BEFORE VOTING ISSUE HAS BEEN SETTLED. GROUP APPEARED TO ACCEPT AS INEVITABLE THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE LARGE AND WOULD NOT USE UNGA FORMULA ON COMPOSITION IN VIEW OF VERY STRONG AFRO-ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN POSITION AS WELL AS UNCTAD PRECEDENTS. IN LATER PRIVATE MEETING WITH STEVENSON, KOLESNIK INDICATED USSR HAS REALLY NOT DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE AND IN HIS VIEW WOULD ONLY DO SO IF VOTING ISSUE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY.

6. ON INVITATIONS, KOLESNIK SAID VIENNA FORMULA NOT ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTY IN APPLYING PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY IN PRACTICE. UK AND JAPAN SUPPORTED FORMULA IN DRAFT RES PLUS LISTING OF DRV. KOLESNIK OBJECTED TO LISTING ONLY DRV. IN LATER PRIVATE MEETING WITH STEVENSON, KOLESNIK STATED VIENNA FORMULA, EVEN WITH U.S. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS, LIKE RED FLAG TO KREMLIN AND WOULD NEVER BE ACCEPTABLE BUT USSR MIGHT NOT INSIST ON "ALL STATES" FORMULA. HE IS THINKING OF RECOMMENDING RESOLUTION WITHOUT FORMULA SIMPLY REFERRING TO ALL COUNTRIES IN ANNEXED LIST.

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7. USSR, UK AND FRANCE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR GENEVA AS SITE FOR 1974 CONFERENCE.

8. KOLESNIK STRESSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE SESSION IN 1974 AND THAT IT BE PREPARATORY IN CHARACTER. HE OPPOSED ANY ADDITIONAL MEETINGS OF CONFERENCE OR CONFERENCE

COMMITTEES ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT RULE OUT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

9. IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH STEVENSON, KOLESNIK EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT US WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH USSR ON
LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES STRESSING OUR COMMON INTEREST IN
NAVIGATION QUESTIONS.
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